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MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS

A background briefing on Secretary of Defense William J. Perry's trip to South America will be held at 1 p.m., November 10, 1994, in Room 2E800.

Secretary Perry will leave Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, November 16 to visit Argentina and Brazil. He will return to Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, November 22, 1994. The purpose of these visits is to meet with senior government ministers in order to build upon military-to-military relations.

In Brazil, Secretary Perry will meet with President Franco, Chief of the Armed Forces Staff and each of the service ministers, as well as his host Foreign Minister Amorim. Additionally, he will deliver remarks at the Foreign Ministry and visit Brazil's technical research center at Sao Jose Dos Campos, South America's premier research center.

In Argentina, Secretary Perry will meet with President Menem and Foreign Minister di Tella. He will also meet with Minister of Defense Camillion, the Chairman of the Joint Staff and the service chiefs, as well as members of Argentina's House and Senate Defense committees. Following these meetings the Secretary is scheduled to go aboard a naval ship that participated in Haiti operations and visit with the commander of the gendarmerie who are participating in the United Nations Mission in Haiti.

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